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RESOLUTION

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No. SV-101(4-15)/50.—The Government of India in their Resolution No. 33(1)-T.B./50, dated the 6th March 1950, issued by the Ministry of Commerce on the report of the Tariff Board on the Sugar Industry had stated *inter-alia* that the question whether any further enquiry into the sugar crisis of July-August 1949 was necessary and if so, what its scope should be, was engaging their attention and a decision thereon would be taken shortly. Government have now completed their examination of the Tariff Board Report and having regard to the assurance given to the Parliament that an enquiry will be made about such aspects of the sugar crisis as were not fully covered by the Tariff Board, they have decided that the enquiry should be held into the following matters of which items 1 and 2 were recommended by the Tariff Board themselves for further investigation.

(1) The suggestion that wagon supply to the sugar factories for movement of sugar during the season 1948-49 was excessive.

(2) The allegation that sugar intended for consumption in India was in fact moved into Pakistan on an appreciable scale during 1949.

(3) The allegation that several factories despatched sugar in breach of the Freezing Order of the U. P. Government on 26th August 1949 and of the Central Government on 2-9-1949.

(4) The allegation that many factories or their sales agents charged heavy premia over the fixed price during July-August 1949.

(5) The circumstances under which the proposal for export of 50,000 tons of sugar was made in May-June 1949 by spokesmen of the Industry and the circumstances under which the proposal was dropped.

(6) The allegation that substantial stocks of sugar were moved out by the factories to their own godowns before the crisis, that large stocks were moved by the factories and trade from the Bihar factories during the interval between the U. P. and the Central Government's Freezing Orders and that in July-August 1949, considerable movement of sugar by factories and trade took place in various directions to facilitate the sale at exorbitant prices of sugar purchased at high premia.

(7) Any other matter which may be germane to or incidental to any one or more of the aforesaid matters or to any finding of the Tariff Board on the sugar crisis.

2 The Government of India have appointed Shri Ganga Nath, retired judge of the Allahabad High Court to conduct the above enquiry. He shall have access to such official records as are necessary for the purpose of the enquiry and he is also authorised to undertake such touring as may be necessary.

The Government of India trust that the Sugar Industry, the trade and the general public will co-operate to facilitate the early completion of the enquiry by Shri Ganga Nath.

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